

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested. By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to insert the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Additionally, claims 3-6, 8-11, and 18-22 have been amended to make minor editorial changes, place in better form for United States practice and/or to delete multiple dependencies. New claims 26-28 have also been added. Support for new claims 26-28 can be found in at least the originally filed claims. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

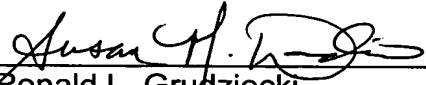

Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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